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NEW FACULTY JOIN STAFF

We are pleased to announce the addition of 2 new faculty members to the Music Department at Mansfield.

Mrs. Jolyne Jeffers joins the staff as assistant professor of music and will be teaching private and class lessons in voice as well as conducting Festival Chorus and the Opera Workshop program.

Last year Mrs. Jeffers had a one-half time position at Mansfield and her approval to a full time tenure track position was a welcome one. Mrs. Jeffers received her BM degree from the University of Northern Colorado and her Masters from the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Joseph Murphy was appointed to a full-time tenure track position with responsibilities for class and private instruction in Saxophone. He is also assistant director of bands with duties as director of Marching Band and Symphonic Band.

Prior to his appointment here, Mr. Murphy served on the faculty at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Mr. Murphy received his BME degree from Bowling Green State University and his Masters Degree from Northwestern University. Mr. Murphy also received a Premier Prix, in Saxophone and Chamber Music from the National Conservatoire de Musique, Bordeaux, France.

We are extremely pleased that the administration authorized and approved funding for both of these positions as tenure track faculty.

PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY TO PLAY

We were all excited to receive word this summer that plans have been completed for an appearance here at Mansfield University by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Michael Galloway, our representative to the University Fine Arts Series, was able to negotiate a plan by which funding for this concert was obtained through the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the University Fine Arts Series. The concert will take place Saturday, January 30, 1988 in Straughn Auditorium. In addition to the concert, several members of the Orchestra will conduct workshops and clinics for university students and area high school musicians Saturday afternoon.

Those of you living within driving distance may want to contact the Music Department early in January for details concerning ticket availability.

NEW PIANO LAB PURCHASED

The next time you visit campus be sure to ask for a tour and demonstration of the new electric piano lab. The lab was purchased and installed this summer. It consists of 13 Yamaha Keyboards and the teacher's console.

Financing for the lab was obtained through a grant awarded by the state for the purpose of providing instruction which makes use of recent technology. The lab cost approximately ten thousand dollars. Seven thousand of this amount was covered by the

thousand of this amount was covered by the grant with the university providing the additional funds.

WIND ENSEMBLE TO TOUR

The Mansfield University Concert Wind Ensemble will be taking their annual fall tour in November. This year's itinerary includes Central and Western New York State. The band will be performing in Bath, NY on Tuesday evening, November 17. Wednesday the band plays a morning concert in Penn Yan and travels on to Bloomfield, NY for an afternoon concert. The evening performance on Wednesday is at Wayne Central High School in Ontario Center, NY.

Thursday, November 19, the band will perform an afternoon concert at Pembroke High School in Corfu, NY. Hamburg High School in Hamburg, NY will host the evening concert on November 19th.

Friday, November 20, after a morning concert at Orchard Park, NY, the Wind Ensemble heads home performing at Geneseo High School in Geneseo, NY, in the afternoon, and an evening concert in Corning, NY.

In addition to the tour, the Wind Ensemble will perform a Pops Concert here on campus on Tuesday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m. The Formal Concert on campus will be Sunday afternoon, November 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The Wind Ensemble will also perform in the Gershwin Sequicentennial Concert Tuesday evening October 27. The group will perform a melody of George Gershwin tunes along with Mrs. Schmid performing "Rhapsody in Blue."

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Five upperclassmen music students were recipients of Kruescher Scholarships this Fall. A total of 16 students competed for these scholarships at a performance audition Sunday, September 20. The five students receiving scholarships are: Kenneth Hess, piano; Harold Mortimer, voice; Lisa Carr, piano; Andrew Stump, saxophone and

Stephen Fox, voice. The availability of this Kruescher Scholarship money has enabled many of our students to receive financial assistance which was not available as recently as four years ago. Elsewhere in this issue you will read of dates for freshmen scholarship auditions.

CONCERT CHOIR ACTIVITIES

The MU Concert Choir will continue its usual busy schedule of activities and performances during the first semester of the 1987-1988 academic year with its participation in a celebration of George Gershwin's music on Tuesday, October 27th at 8:00 p.m. and its annual Christmas concert on the afternoon of Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 p.m. Both concerts will be in Steadman Theatre. Currently, the choir is a well-balanced ensemble of forty-eight select voices and promises to be one of the best "editions" of the group in many years, at least in the optimistic view of David J. Dick, conductor of the choir since 1967. First semester repertoire, generally music for the Christmas season, will feature two choral masterworks, the "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten and the motet for double chorus, "Jubilate Deo" by Giovanni Gabrieli. Additional pieces, accompanied by organ and brass instruments in various combinations, will include works by John Blow, Herbert Howells, Harry Somers and William Mathias. Several arrangements conceived for the renowned English vocal group, "The King's Singers" will also be performed and will include the traditional "Gaudete," "Jingle Bells" and their hilarious version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Please plan to attend this free concert if you are in the area. Your continued support is always needed and appreciated.

The Concert Choir was accorded accolades for their performance at the PMEA convention on May 9 of this year. Many MU music alums were in attendance at the concert in the Adam's Mark Hotel. The one day trip, an expense beyond the annual choir budget for the year, was made

from former choir members Reldalee Wagner, Robert Lathrop, David Burkhart, Michelle Edwards Roblson and a grant from the Mansfield Foundation.

Spring touring plans for the choir include a trek through central and southeastern Pennsylvania. Watch for announcement of specific locations and dates of appearances in the next issue of the "Cadenza."

MANSFIELDIANS TO PERFORM

THE MANSFIELDIANS will present a Rodgers and Hammerstein concert for their fall production. The concert will be accompanied by the Mansfield University Symphony. The program will feature selections from State Fair, The King and I, The Sound of Music, South Pacific and Oklahoma!. Members of the groups will be featured in solos, duets and choral numbers.

Instead of our usual 7:00 and 9:00 show on the same evening we will be presenting our concert on two evenings, Friday and Saturday, November 13th and 14th at 8:00 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The concert will be conducted by Jack M. Wilcox and admission will be charged. THE MANSFIELDIANS will also appear with the orchestra on the Christmas concert Friday, December 11th at 8:00 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. This concert will be conducted by Dr. Edwin Zdzinski.

Box office is open daily Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Phone 717-662-4447.

NEWS FROM BUTLER CENTER LIBRARY

Mansfield University received a \$35,100 grant from the State Library of Pennsylvania through LSCA monies for the retrospective conversion of music cataloging records into a computer-readable format. Input of the records into the OCLC data base will be contracted out to a vendor.

The grant was prepared by Ms. Holly Gardinier, Music Librarian. Preliminary enhancement of the records and an

inventory of the Butler Center Library collection was conducted this Summer with the assistance of Mrs. Kathryn Dyck, assistant professor, and Mrs. Gwen Freeman-Sumner, media technician.

Conversion of the music cataloging records will advance the long-term goal of installing a computer catalog for the Mansfield University libraries.

This Fall, Mrs. Pam Achey and Mrs. Suzanne Brown were hired as part-time library assistants. They will be responsible for assisting in providing library services over the week-ends.

Dr. Kent Hill, who is returning to full-time teaching this year after serving as chairperson of the music department, is looking forward to a busy year as a performer. So far, he has dates in Mansfield, Corning, Elmira, and next summer will perform again at the Methuen (Mass) Memorial Music Hall. The summer organ series at Methuen is one of the most prestigious in the nation, and the invitation to perform a second time in this series is a considerable honor.

RICHARD SWARTZ MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED

Alumni are urged to donate to the Richard Swartz Memorial Fund through the Mansfield University Foundation. The fund was established after the untimely death of Mr. Swartz, a bassoonist from the class of 1981. He had been an outstanding young music teacher at R.B. Walter and Millerton Elementary Schools, played bassoon with the Corning Philharmonic Orchestra, and had just completed his master's degree at MU. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Swartz of Williamsport, gave his books and music to Phi Mu Alpha to sell. The proceeds from the sales became the seed money for the fund, and that amount was matched by Mr. and Mrs. Swartz. Through the fund an award will be given yearly to an outstanding double reed student.

Checks should be made to "Richard Swartz Memorial Fund" and mailed to

Mansfield University Foundation, Richards House, Mansfield, PA 16933

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY BECOMES N.A.M.B.I. INSTITUTION

Beginning January 1, 1987, Mansfield University was designated a member of the National Association of Music Business Institutions. This is an organization sponsored by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) which has recognized the Music Merchandising Program at Mansfield to be one of the best in the country. Of approximately 300 institutions housing a degree program of this type, only 26 schools nationwide have been accepted into N.A.M.B.I. membership. By virtue of becoming a member of this organization, NAMM presented the university with \$1,000.00 to be used for scholarships for upper division students pursuing a B.A. in Music Merchandising.

BEVIS AND SAVITZ AWARDED NAMM SCHOLARSHIPS

Nancy Sue Bevis and Barry Savitz were each presented with a \$500.00 scholarship awarded upon the basis of their academic grade point for courses taken within their major area of concentration. These are the first recipients of the NAMM \$1,000.00 Scholarship and will be used to offset senior year tuition. Both of these students will be presented plaques naming them as N.A.M.B.I. Scholarship recipients at the Winter Trade Show in January.

MR. TALBOT AND TWO STUDENTS ATTEND NAMM TRADE SHOW IN CHICAGO

This past June, Mr. Talbot attended the Music, Sound and Light Exposition held at the McCormick Place in Chicago. Attending with Mr. Talbot were Mark McDaniel and Steve Harkey, senior students in the Music Merchandising Degree Program. The

primary purpose of attending this conference was to take part in the Job Placement Center, sponsored by N.A.M.B.I., for those students ready for the job market as well as those students looking for internships. Faculty from the various member schools were in charge of the placement center and interviews were scheduled and held with students during the conference. There were approximately 40,000 attending the conference and both students attending ranked at the top of job offers.

Mr. Talbot plans to attend the Winter Conference of NAMM in Anaheim, California in January and will be taking video tapes of senior students to be presented at the job placement center to companies looking for both interns and employees.

S.A.I. RECEIVES AWARDS

Greetings from the Delta Phi chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota! This new semester brings new challenges as well as revitalization from the 1987 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. As the voting delegate from Mansfield, I was pleased to be present to receive the honors bestowed upon our sisterhood.

The convention was held at the New Adams Hilton, July 24 - 28. Many workshops were held on rushing, fundraising, and the ritual, not to mention presentations from Philanthropies, and music -- the bond of our sisterhood. As for new additions to SAI, we are currently voting on two new amendments to our national by-laws. The first is to provide a fraternity education course for patroness members so that they can vote and hold local office in alumni chapters. The second amendment is the creation of an international chapter for alumni who live too far from an alumni chapter to be able to affiliate. Through the international chapter, these alumni can still be an active part of our sisterhood. Be sure to check the fall issue of PAN PIPES for further information. Also, lifetime dues will go up as of December 1987. If you haven't paid them yet, hurry! They will go from \$50 to \$100 soon!

Now for the great news! Our former president, Karen Rosenthal, was the recipient of the Province Leadership Award and the ruby sword of honor. Our chapter was the Eta Province Chapter Achievement Award winner, and was named as one of the top three finalists for the national award. Back at Mansfield we will be sponsoring a practice-a-thon in February, a performance scholarship, and along with the Beta Omicron chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, a master class for PMEA District Eight choral auditions. Mansfield will also be the site of the 1988 ETA Province Days, April 9-10, 1988.

Our voices are rising in dedication at Mansfield, as I trust they will always be in your heart.

"Sing we now to Sigma Alpha Iota!"

Kathy A. Belsh

Delta Phi President

MUSIC FACULTY CHEFS

Cooking for the 171 Cedar Arts Center, MU music department faculty members Konrad Owens and David Dick, capably assisted by their spouses, took first place in the fourth annual Corning Chili Round-up with a three-gallon batch of Konrad's "Gallup Gumbo." Also participating in the event were the contest's three previous winners.

The first place award carries with it an all-expenses-paid trip for two to any city in Texas or Arizona.

Proceeds from the Chili Round-up go to the Rockwell Museum of Western Art in Corning, New York.

ALUMNI RECITAL GIVEN

Robert Klak, class of '73 and former student of Konrad Owens, gave a guest clarinet recital at MU on October 20, 1987. Bob is currently Professor of Clarinet and Music Education at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

FIRST ANNUAL MOUNTIE BAND ALUMNI REUNION HELD

The first annual Mountie Band Alumni Reunion was held on homecoming day, Saturday, September 26th. The day began with a free continental breakfast and general get-together hosted by Mom and Dad Talbot. This was followed by a music rehearsal in Steadman Theatre. A picnic followed at the water tower after which the band wandered down to Van Norman Field, in their usual sophisticated manner.

The original plans for this reunion got lost in the shuffle this last Spring during a personnel change in the Alumni Office. I know that many of our former alumnus did not receive the reunion notice in adequate time to make plans to attend this reunion, if they even received notification at all. To these alumnus I apologize. I hope that you can make plans to attend next year's reunion which will again be held on Homecoming Day.

I would like to solicit your support to please send me a note with your current address, phone number, year of graduation, etc. All of our records are in the process of being put in a computer index and we are having trouble finding complete records of former members, especially those who were not music majors. Let others know of our plans and ask them to send the requested information to us also.

I look forward to hearing from all of you and I wish each of you a happy, healthy and successful new year.

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MRS. SCHMID GIVES RECITAL

Mrs. Schmid presented a solo piano recital Oct. 4, performing works of Ravel, Beethoven, and Chopin. She will also perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" on

Oct. 27, 8 p.m. for the Music Department Gershwin Commemorative Concert.

MUSIC CAMPS

The 1987 Summer Music Camps were highly successful. The Youth Music Camp directed by Dr. J. Wunderlich had an enrollment of over 80 students. The response to this camp makes us aware of the interest in a camp for younger students. Next summer's Youth Music Camp will be held July 17 through July 23.

The High School Music Camp directed by Mr. Stanley was also well attended. Nearly 60 students participated in 2 weeks of classes and rehearsals. Next year's High School Music Camp is scheduled for July 17th through the 24th.

Brochures and application blanks for both of these camps will be available early next semester. Please write and request information and do what you can to encourage attendance at these camps. Your support of our programs and activities make a real difference.

KTV CONFERENCE

On October 15 the Mansfield University Music Department hosted a KTV Conference for studio teachers. Sponsored in conjunction with the Baldwin Piano Co. and Fletcher Piano and Organ Center in Horseheads, NY, the conference was televised nationally via satellite to various locations through the country. The site at Mansfield University attracted teachers from both Pennsylvania and New York. Our congratulations to Mrs. Kemper for acting as local host.

ORCHESTRA AND BAND FESTIVAL

The Seventh Annual Orchestra and Concert Band Festival will be held on campus from March 15 through the 18th. As in past years, junior and senior high school

bands and orchestras will participate and receive instruction and comments from guest clinicians Ed Gobrecht from Ithaca College, Nick Sinibaldi from St. Mary's, PA and Pamela Gearhart from Ithaca College. Each group is scheduled for a 45 minute session during which they perform concert selections which are recorded along with the adjudicators comments. Following the performance, the guest clinician works with the group in an informal atmosphere. Application blanks and further information are available from Mr. Stanley.

GEORGE GERSHWIN GALA

On Tuesday evening, October 27th, Steadman Theatre was filled with the sound of George Gershwin's music. 1987 marks the sesquicentennial of Gershwin's death and Mrs. Schmid organized a special concert to mark this event. In addition to student soloists, the University Concert Choir, Concert Wind Ensemble and the Mansfieldians performed. A highlight of the concert was Mrs. Schmid's performance of the "Rhapsody in Blue" accompanied by the Mansfield Concert Wind Ensemble, utilizing the Ferdy Grofe arrangement originally done for the Paul Whiteman Orchestra.

MRS. DYCK RETIRES

After many years of outstanding service Mrs. Dyck retired from the music faculty at the end of the 1986-87 school year. In addition to her outstanding studio teaching and her excellent work with Festival Chorus, Mrs. Dyck brought to the department an energy and enthusiasm for music which will be missed. We are happy to report that Mrs. Dyck is enjoying good health and enjoying her retirement. She continues to reside in Mansfield and is always happy to hear from her former students. Many of you, I'm sure will want to write her to express congratulations and thanks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

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| 1 | Mansfield Brass Quintet Concert Mr. Stanley, Mr. Borsheim, Dr. Galloway, Mr. McEuen Mark Steingraber | 3:00 |
| 3 | Wind Ensemble Concert, Mr. Stanley, Director | 1:00 |
| 9 | Chamber Music Recital, Mr. Kemper, Director | 8:00 |
| 13 | Mansfieldians, Jack M. Wilcox, Director
There will be a charge. (See Mansfieldians article) | 8:00 |
| 14 | Mansfieldians, Jack M. Wilcox, Director
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| 22 | Wind Ensemble Concert, Mr. Stanley, Director | 3:00 |

December

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| 4 | Jazz Band Concert, Dr. Galloway, Director | 8:00 |
| 6 | Festival Chorus Concert, Mrs. J. Jeffers, Dir. | 3:00 |
| 8 | Chamber Singers Concert, Mr. D. Dick, Dir. | 6:30 |
| 11 | Mansfield University Orchestra Concert
Dr. Zdzinski, Director | 8:00 |
| 12 | Community Chorus Concert, Dr. K. Hill, Dir. | 8:00 |
| 12 | Concert Choir Concert, Mr. D. Dick, Director | 3:00 |
| 14 | Chamber Music Recital, Mr. R. Kemper, Dir. | 8:00 |
| 15 | Symphonic Band Concert,,
Mr. Joseph Murphy, Director | 1:00 |
| 15 | Composition Recital, Mr. Brown, Director | 8:00 |

January

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| 24 | Commonwealth Brass Quintet | 8:00 |
| 30 | Pittsburgh Symphony
The Pittsburgh Symphony Concert will be held in Straughn Auditorium. Contact Music Department at 717-662-4710 concerning ticket availability, early in January. | 8:00 |

HONORS FOR MR. STANLEY

Donald Stanley received 2 special honors during the P.M.E.A. Convention held in Philadelphia last Spring. He received a Citation of Excellence from District 8 of the Pennsylvania Music Education Association.

He was also named Pennsylvania's Outstanding Bandmaster for 1986-87 school year. This award was presented by Pennsylvania's NU Chapter of Phi Beta Mu.

PMEA CONVENTION

Mansfield University's Music Department was well represented at the PMEA Convention in Philadelphia last Spring. Our Concert Choir was invited to perform a program during the convention. The Faculty Brass Quintet likewise performed two concerts during the convention and also presented a clinic. Our student Woodwind Quintet was one of several ensembles performing during a Chamber Music session.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT AUDITIONS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Auditions for entrance into the Music Department are scheduled at 9:00 AM on the following dates: October 31, November 21, December 12, January 23, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 7.

We are implementing a new format for Freshmen Scholarship Auditions. We have selected three dates during which any student planning to attend Mansfield in the Fall may come to campus and take a Scholarship audition. The student should contact us ahead of time for details and application forms. The three special scholarship audition dates are: January 18, February 6, and February 20.